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FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski
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Dear Julius Genachowski

I am writing to register my protest against relaxing rules that would allow Rupert Murdoch to purchase the Chicago Tribune.

Under no circumstances should one person be allowed to push his own editorial opinions and news agenda in both the major newspaper, two television stations, and as an internet provider. Such control destroys the effective functioning of Democracy. As it is, the free press of the United States is largely under the control of private corporate interests that are more interested in promoting a pro-corporate agenda than providing un-biased and truthful information.

In particular, Rupert Murdoch is well-known for using his news outlets to pursue agendas that are personally beneficial for himself to the detriment of the citizens of various countries. Giving him control of the Chicago Tribune would utterly destroy the free press that the FCC is charged to protect. This is especially considering the recent purchase by the Tribune of the Chicago Reader, one of the country's oldest and most excellent alternative weekly newspapers. No other news outlet has done such excellent work covering the faults of the Chicago political system. As it is, the staff of the Chicago Reader has been decimated, and a News Corporation ownership would be the final nail in the coffin.

Best Regards,

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